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## SUFFRAGE SIGNS ON CHURCH WALLS

Worshippers in Cathedral Find Edifice Covered With Votes for Women Proclamations.

Birmingham, England, March 15.—Worshippers in the cathedral to-day found the walls and floors of the edifice covered with suffragette proclamations painted in white letters a foot high, reading "Votes for women. The clergy must rise in our behalf and stop the torturing of women in prison."

Every foot of space except the altar had a sign painted on it, including the pews.

The work is believed to have been done by women, who concealed themselves in the cathedral last night. It is thought it was done for the benefit of the judges of the assizes, who attended services to-day. The assizes open here to-morrow.

Not Noticed by Congregation.

Glasgow, March 15.—Suffragettes rose in the cathedral during services to-day and chanted, "Oh, Lord, we beseech Thee to save Emmeline Pankhurst, Helen Crawford and all the brave women who are suffering for their faith." The congregation took no notice of the demonstration.

Pray for Their Colleagues.

London, March 15.—Suffragettes to-day chanted prayers in Westminster Abbey, York Minster and the Brighton Parish Church for their imprisoned colleagues.

Sylvia Pankhurst has written the dean of Westminster, acquainting him with the intention of the East London suffragettes to march to the abbey next Sunday and participate in the evening service and pray for the success of their cause. She said she would be present personally, and that she desired the dean to adapt the service to a special occasion for the suffragettes.

## TO HEAR HOMER ON GAS MATTER

Not Likely, However, That Committee Will Favor Lease of Property.

Illness prevented President Francis T. Homer, of the Southern Gas and Electric Corporation, from being present at the last meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, but the committee has assurances that he will be present to set forth his claims for leasing the City Gas Works at the meeting to be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow night.

In the original petition, setting forth the reasons why the City Gas Works should be leased to his company, Mr. Homer said that he could sell the product more cheaply, and that a privately owned corporation could give more satisfaction than a municipal institution. As against this is the fact that the City Gas Department annually turns part of its appropriation to the city, and that its gross receipts last year amounted to more than \$200,000. A recent poll of the members of the City Council disclosed that that body was almost unanimously opposed to the lease of the Gas Works, and, as a member of the City Council said last night, it is hardly probable that any of them have undergone a change of opinion.

Several months ago the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities recommended that the gas rate be reduced to 80 cents, but the Finance Committee decided that it would be better to follow the improvements suggested by Arthur Glasgow, the great London expert on gas production, before reducing the price. Mr. Glasgow was complimentary in his general report on the local Gas Works, but suggested improvements in the manner of distribution, and in the holders and other mechanical devices of the plant and in private households. However, a full hearing will be granted to Mr. Homer if he appears before the committee to-morrow night.

## SOCIALISTS ADD INTEREST.

Warm Contests Are Expected for Lynchburg Primary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., March 15.—More than usual interest has been shown in the Democratic primary to be held May 15 for the nomination of candidates for the June election, at which time half of both branches of the City Council will be elected for four years. The limit expired on Saturday night for notices and contests are assured in each of the three wards, there being as many as seven candidates in some of the wards for three vacancies. The promise of the Socialists to get out a full ticket for the June election has stirred up more interest than otherwise have been the case. The candidates are as follows:

## Common Council.

First Ward—J. W. Woodson, E. E. Menefee, S. F. Polindexter and Clinton De Witt, Jr.

Second Ward—M. L. Brown, E. F. Sheffey, John Victor, J. L. Baber, George J. Tompkins, S. G. Hamner and C. W. Wamock.

Third Ward—T. J. Williams, T. D. Christian, E. Goodman and C. M. Mays.

## Board of Aldermen.

First Ward—J. L. Lee, J. D. Oglesby and H. Gordon Moore.

Second Ward—John W. Carroll and William King, Jr.

Third Ward—James Morrison.

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## DR. WILSON OPENS REVIVAL SERVICES

Meetings at Grace Street Baptist Church Will Be Held Twice Daily for Two Weeks.

Revival services, which will continue for two weeks, were opened last night in Grace Street Baptist Church by Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., the pastor. Rev. C. A. Ridley, D. D., of Atlanta, the well-known Southern evangelist who will lead the meetings, was prevented from attending the opening service by reason of engagements elsewhere. However, he will arrive in time to preach to-night at 8 o'clock.

Successful with revival meeting after the South, Dr. Ridley has recently added hundreds of converts to churches in which he has spoken in the past few months. He is said to have a magnetic personality and to be striking in his preaching, but never undignified. He was a pupil under Dr. L. G. Broughton, who is now filling one of the largest pulpits in London, and is said to be a worthy successor to the noted evangelist.

Last night Dr. Wilson spoke on the theme of the women at the well, showing how the revival in an ancient city followed the bringing of one sinner to Christ. He earnestly asked each member of the church to try to follow that woman's example, and carry the discourses of faith to others.

The revival will continue for two weeks with two services daily, at 4 o'clock each afternoon and 8 o'clock each night. Dr. Ridley will be aided by a special chorus choir of forty voices led by the quartet choir of the church.

## BUYS ENGLISH TROUSSEAU.

Miss Willard Buys in London Before Going to Madrid.  
London, March 15.—Ambassador Willard, with Mrs. Willard and Miss Belle Willard, leave for Madrid early this morning.

## Early Spring Weather Is Promised This Week

Washington, March 15.—Fair, early spring weather in nearly all parts of the country this week was promised to-night by the Weather Bureau.

"The weather will be unsettled on Monday, however," said the weekly bulletin, "along the northern border from the Great Lakes eastward."

The next important disturbance will appear on the North Pacific coast on Monday night or Tuesday, cross the Great Central Valley on Wednesday or Thursday and the Eastern States about Friday. This disturbance will be attended by local rains and snows, and it will be followed by colder weather over the Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains.

## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
5 Bollingbrook Street,  
(Phone 1485).

Petersburg, Va., March 15.—At the close of the list at midnight last night, the following candidates had paid their assessments and filed notice of their intention to enter the primary for nomination for the position to which they aspire:

For Mayor—Robert Cabanis and Robert E. Gill.

Board of Aldermen.

First Ward—William Koenig, Dr. E. L. Robinson.

Second Ward—P. S. Pugh, Dr. M. C. Field.

Third Ward—John H. Harville, C. L. Guthrie.

Fourth Ward—William E. Poole, W. H. Lane.

Fifth Ward—J. G. Quarles.

Sixth Ward—J. W. McCaleb.

Present members. One Alderman to be chosen from each ward.

## Common Council.

First Ward—J. R. Jones, J. M. Sanders, Melville P. Barran, E. N. Keys and P. F. Warriner.

Second Ward—O. W. Mattox and Samuel A. Reinach.

Third Ward—N. T. Patterson, Forrest W. Tucker, Fred A. Dalton, George W. Watson and P. M. Gall.

Fourth Ward—S. Floyd Brown, J. W. Brown and Leroy Roper.

Fifth Ward—W. L. Wheary, C. W. Alley and James Brockwell.

Sixth Ward—R. S. Chandler, R. E. L. Hargrave and Charles R. Walsh.

Present members. Two Councilmen to be chosen from each ward.

In the Fifth and Sixth Wards there is no opposition to the Alderman ticket, and in the Second Ward none to the Council ticket. Probably the greatest interest attaches to the contest for the nomination for Mayor, though in several wards a warm contest is ahead for seats in the two branches of the Council.

## Meeting of Farmers.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Southside Union of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union was held in this city yesterday with a goodly representation from Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George and Sussex Counties. The meeting, as usual, was behind closed doors, but it was understood that many matters of interest to the order were discussed, among them the Southside Exchange, which has been established and is in operation in this city.

## No Inquest Necessary.

Godfrey Novotny, who was killed in a runaway accident near Petersburg last night, was a well-to-do Austrian, the owner of a fine farm in Dinwiddie County, about six miles from the city. His death was not the result of a broken neck, as at first reported, but of internal injuries. Death having been caused by accident, no inquest was deemed necessary, and the body was taken to the Dinwiddie home to-day for burial.

## General News Notes.

The body of Mrs. Eliza F. Rawlings,

widow of E. J. Rawlings, of Dinwiddie County, who died yesterday, aged seventy-four years, was taken to Blackstone to-day for burial.

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Union was held this afternoon in Matoca. An address was delivered by R. T. Wilson, of this city, on the "Value of Organized Men's Classes to the School."

Beverly Wilson, negro, unknown in Petersburg, is under arrest on suspicion of larceny. He was arrested while attempting to pawn two full suits of new clothes, from which the private trademark had not been removed. The police suspect that the clothes were stolen, but no name or place is marked on them. Wilson claims to have bought them in Baltimore.

## HAMILTON WINS FROM COLUMBIA.

They Debate on Compulsory Education in Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cartersville, Va., March 15.—The Dickinson Literary Society of Hamilton High School, defeated the Jeffersonian Literary Society of Columbia High School in an intensely interesting debate held at the Hamilton High School on Friday.

Miss Hattie Brown and Herbert Friedlander represented Hamilton, debating the affirmative, and Miss Marian Stoneman and Albert Newton represented Columbia on the negative side of the question.

The judges, W. G. Bates, Jr., Cartersville, Va., William M. Justice, Jr., Richmond, and C. W. Bagwell, New Canton, Va., rendered a unanimous decision in favor of Hamilton High School.

Miss Hattie Brown and Herbert Friedlander must now go to the University of Virginia to contest for State honors in the Virginia High School Debaters' League.

## Arrested for Selling Liquor.

John Henry Carrington, colored, was arrested yesterday by Policemen Thurman and Clark on the charge of selling liquor without a license.

## Mrs. Selkirk Arrested.

Mrs. R. A. Selkirk was arrested yesterday by Policemen Goldsby and Campolona on the charge of maintaining an objectionable resort at 912 East Clay Street. She was bailed for her appearance to-day in Police Court.

## "Better Acquaintance Social."

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## The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair and cooler.

North Carolina—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature..... 63

3 P. M. temperature..... 70

Normal temperature up to 8..... 70

Minimum temperature up to 8..... 37

Mean temperature..... 46

Normal temperature..... 46

Excess in temperature..... 8

Deficiency in temperature since March 1..... 112

Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1..... 181

Excess in rainfall since March 1..... 17

Accumulated excess in rainfall since January 1..... 87

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature..... 59

Humidity..... 43

Wind—direction..... S. E.

Wind—velocity..... 4

Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place..... T. T. Weather.

Asheville..... 58 70 Clear

Atlanta..... 66 70 46 Clear

Atlantic City..... 38 52 Clear

Boston..... 44 54 Clear

Buffalo..... 36 42 Cloudy

Calgary..... 46 46 Clear

Charleston..... 52 62 Clear

Chicago..... 60 64 Clear

Denver..... 62 68 Clear

Duluth..... 40 46 Clear

Galveston..... 58 62 Clear

Hatteras..... 50 60 40 Clear

Havre..... 46 54 P. cloudy

Jacksonville..... 58 70 Clear

Kansas City..... 64 82 P. cloudy

Louisville..... 64 70 Clear

Montgomery..... 60 70 Clear

New Orleans..... 64 70 48 Clear

New York..... 50 56 Clear

Norfolk..... 60 68 Clear

Oklahoma..... 70 80 Clear

Pittsburgh..... 54 60 Clear

Raleigh..... 60 70 38 Clear

St. Louis..... 74 80 Clear

St. Paul..... 48 52 Clear

San Francisco..... 66 72 Clear

Savannah..... 54 64 Clear

Spokane..... 48 50 Cloudy

Tampa..... 64 72 42 Clear

Washington..... 58 62 Clear

Winnipeg..... 36 48 Clear

Wytheville..... 50 64 34 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 16, 1914.

HIGH TIDE:

Morning..... 3:15

Evening..... 9:00

Sun rises..... 6:21

Sun sets..... 6:17



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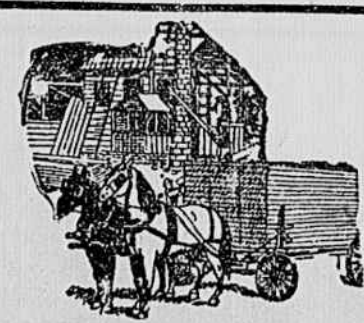


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